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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY UP

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.60 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 3.31 million head were 2 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 290,000 head, was the same as the previous year. Sows farrowed totaled 145,000 during the December 2010 - February 2011 quarter, up 4 percent from a year ago. Pig crop, at 1.38 million head, increased 5 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 9.50, up 1 percent from 2010. Indiana hog producers intend to have 145,000 hogs farrow during the March - May 2011 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010. Intended farrowings for June 2011 – August 2011, at 145,000 head, is also the same as the actual farrowings a year earlier.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from both last year and the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 5 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011, at 2.87 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2010 and down 3 percent from 2009.

MARCH 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES 2010-2011

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	Indiana				United States			
Item	2010	2011		2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011		2011 as % of 2010
	Thousand Head			Percent	Thousand Head			Percent
Hogs and Pigs, March 1	3,550	3,600		101	63,568	63,964		101
Breeding Hogs	290	290		100	5,760	5,788		100
Market Hogs	3,260	3,310		102	57,808	58,176		101
Under 50 Pounds	1,140	1,110		97	18,767	18,898		101
50-119 Pounds	900	890		99	15,993	16,225		101
120-179 Pounds	620	610		98	12,307	12,309		100
180 Pounds and over	600	700		117	10,742	10,744		100
Farrowing, Dec 1/ - Feb								
Sows Farrowing	140	145		104	2,872	2,856		99
Pigs Per Litter	9.40	9.50		101	9.61	9.80		102
Pig Crop <u>2</u> /	1,316	1,378		105	27,597	27,986		101
Sows Farrowing								
March - August	290	290	<u>3</u> /	100	5,873	5,721	<u>3</u> /	97
March - May	145	145	<u>3</u> /	100	2,929	2,854	<u>3</u> /	97
June - August	145	145	<u>3</u> /	100	2,944	2,867	<u>3</u> /	97

- 1/ December of the preceding year.
- 2/ Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.
- 3/ Intentions.